GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVATION
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3543
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BPL PEOPLE IN SMALL AND MEDIUM SIZE CITIES
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Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVATION be pleased to state:

(a) the number of small and medium size cities in the country, State-wise;

(b) the percentage of the total population of the country living in those cities; and

(c) the percentage of people out of them living below the poverty line (BPL)?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT & POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI BAN DATTATREYA)

(a) As per 1991 Census, there were 4565 small and medium towns in the country which have less than 5 lakhs population. The State-wise list is attached as Annexure-I.

(b): As per 1991 Census, population in small and medium towns (upto 5 lakhs population) was 144.02 million as against 846.30 million total population of the country. Thus, the percentage of the total population of the country living in those cities works out 17.02.

(c): The consumer Expenditure Data of the 55th Round on a30 day recall basis conducted by the National Sample Survey Organisation (NSSO)indicates an approximate poverty ratio of 27.09% in rural areas, 23.62% in urban areas and 26.10% for the country as a whole in 1999-2000. No separate information on people living below the poverty line in small and medium towns is available.

ANNEXURE-I

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (a) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.3543 FOR 16.4.2002.

STATE-WISE NUMBER OF SMALL AND MEDIUM TOWNS IN THE COUNTRY AS PER 1991 CENSUS.

S.NO	NAME OF STATES/UTs	NO. OF TOWNS
1.	ANDHRA PRADESH	261
2.	ARUNACHAL PRADESH	10
3.	ASSAM	92
4.	BIHAR	152
5.	CHHATTISGARH	95
6.	GOA	31
7	GUJARAT	260
8.	HARYANA	93
9.	HIMACHAL PRADESH	58
10.	JAMMU & KASHMIR	-
11.	JHARKHAND	117

12. KARNATAKA	303
13. KERALA	195
14. MADHYA PRADESH	366
15. MAHARASHTRA	327
16. MANIPUR	31
17. MEGHALAYA	12
18. MIZORAM	22
19. NAGALAND	9
20. ORISSA	124
21. PUNJAB	117
22. RAJASTHAN	219
23. SIKKIM	8
24. TAMILNADU	466
25. TRIPURA	18
26. UTTARANCHAL	83
27. UTTAR PRADESH	662
28. WEST BENGAL	380
29. A&N ISLANDS	1
30. CHANDIGARH	4
31. D&N HAVELI	1
32. DAMAN & DIU	2
33. DELHI	31
34. LAKSHADWEEP	4
35. PONDICHERRY	11
TOTAL	4565

+ No census was held in 1991.